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"YOU! HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR WAR LOAN?"—WONDERFUL SCENES AT YESTERDAY'S GREAT RALLY IN LONDON.



It was a great occasion, and never in all its long history has the square witnessed such a scene.



The sister services were very interested in the proceedings.



Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., appeals.



The Lord Mayor speaking.



Sitting on the British lion, something the Kaiser can't do.

London was invited by the Lord Mayor to spend half an hour with him yesterday "to emphasise in no uncertain tone the capital's loyalty and determination to support our fighting forces." The response was wonderful, and thousands of people lined the terraces

of Trafalgar-square to hear the Lord Mayor and other speakers. Bishop Ryle, the Dean of Westminster, briefly offered up prayer. Thousands uncovered, while the little girl sitting on one of Landseer's lions put her hands over her face.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

WOMAN'S £4,000,000 FOR WAR LOAN.

Britain's Richest Spinster
Lends Record Sum.

LONDON'S GREAT RALLY.

Miss Talbot, of Margam Castle, Port Talbot, Glamorgan, has subscribed £4,000,000 to the War Loan.

The previous largest individual subscription was that of Sir George Alexander Cooper for £2,685,312.

Miss Talbot, who is seventy-five years of age and the wealthiest woman in Great Britain, is the elder daughter of the late Mr. Christopher Rice Mansel Talbot, Lord Lieutenant of Glamorganshire.

To-day is the very last day for buying Victory Loan.

Germany is waiting anxiously to learn the result of Britain's greatest financial effort.

She knows that the coming of her doom is measured by the success of the loan—the greater that success the quicker her doom.

The Victory Loan is sounding the death knell of German militarism and ruthless, inhuman sea warfare.

Remember, then, that you have only a few more hours to help in bringing victory nearer.

HISTORIC GATHERING.

Nearly 50,000 Londoners yesterday made Trafalgar-square ring with cheers that told of London's unflinching determination to "ensure a magnificent success for the loan."

It was a day of history in Trafalgar-square. It was shortly before noon when the metropolitan mayors and other civic figures, wearing their robes and chains of office, assembled at the Mansion House.

The procession, preceded by the band of the Welsh Guards, moved off through the City and down the Strand. The Lord Mayor, in his semi-state coach, with the coaches of the City's Sheriffs, brought up the rear.

Progress through the City was to the accompaniment of the church bells.

The scene in Trafalgar-square was an impressive one. A special covered platform had been erected on the north side of the square facing the park, and all around were the appeals in large letters inviting the nation to subscribe to the great loan.

The band of the Coldstream Guards played the "Festival of Empire" and other patriotic airs.

The procession on arrival was received by the Mayor of Westminster (Sir George Welby), who, in a speech, declared: "We shall not shrink. We will stand up to our last man and to our last pound. England shall live in order that justice and right shall prevail." (Cheers.)

OUR ANSWER TO FOE.

The Lord Mayor said the Mansion House had been deluged with people coming to take up their certificates.

The vast gathering bared their heads while the Dean of Westminster offered a special prayer.

Mr. Massey, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, said that Germany was seeking to intimidate us and by her increased frightfulness to compel us to agree to an unsatisfactory peace. "Never," he declared, "shall that be. Our answer to Germany must be that we are going to continue this war and make this loan the

THE LAST DAY

for you to subscribe to the Victory War Loan is To-day. Attend to your task early, and thereby help defeat the Hun.

success it deserves to be; that we shall go on until victory comes at us, with it a permanent peace, at any cost and any sacrifice." (Cheers.)

Mr. Will Thorne, who said that he spoke on behalf of three million workers, declared that the vast majority of wage-earners in this country were in favour of prosecuting the war until complete victory was achieved.

Our answer to Germany was in three ways—money, men and munitions. Of the last two we were almost assured and of the first we were not going to be lost for want of money.

The National Anthem, followed by cheers for the King, brought the meeting to a close.

TWO POUNDS IN FARTHING.

Yesterday's subscribers to the loan included £1,725,000 from the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, £280,000 being new money.

A little girl of eight has written to the National War Savings Committee asking how she may invest £2 10s. in War Loan. She adds that she is "receiving only twopence a week."

An anonymous writer, saying that she cannot afford to invest in the loan, has sent to the Lord Mayor £2 10s. 6d., with a shilling extra. The sum, she says, having been originally saved in farthings for her funeral.

A "Grimsby Veteran's Widow" has sent a pound-note for the loan through the Lord Mayor.

A worker at Woolwich Dockyard has offered to lend £2 10s. 6d. to the loan on February 19, 1917. A woman offers £30 till three months after peace is declared.



A new use for caterpillars. This one is drawing tree stumps for the road makers on the Salonika front.—(Official photograph.)

HAIG'S INTERVIEW.

Government Inquiry to Verify
Reported Statements.

"CIRCUMSTANCES NOT KNOWN."

The notable interview with Sir Douglas Haig, which was given to a party of French journalists, was brought to the notice of the Government yesterday.

Commander Wedgwood asked the Under Secretary for War whether he had seen the report of the interview given by Sir Douglas Haig to a French journalist; whether the interview was authorised by the Government, and if not what steps it was proposed to take.

Mr. Dillon, before an answer was given, said the reports of the interview in different newspapers differed materially.

As it was an unprecedented interview and of such enormous interest, would the Government issue in a Parliamentary paper an authorised official report of it?

Mr. Ian Macpherson said he had seen various reports of the interview, but whether an official report of it should be issued was a matter for the Leader of the House.

He had seen what purported to be a report of an interview with Sir Douglas Haig, but the circumstances in which the interview was given and what passed at it had not been communicated to him. Inquiries were being made.

Mr. Dillon asked Mr. Bonar Law if an authentic report of the interview would be circulated?

Mr. Bonar Law: We have already taken steps to find out from the Commander-in-Chief what has actually taken place, and until we have received that information I think the matter must remain where it is.

TEA AT 1½D. A CUP.

How Many Teaspoonfuls to the Pound?—Tell-tale Experiment.

A most interesting investigation has been carried out by "Observer," who has communicated the result to the *Lancet*.

Using a teaspoon measuring ninety-seven grains to the pound, he has arrived at the following results:—

Teaspoonfuls to lb.	Teaspoonfuls to lb.
Tea	Yellow crystals
Cocoa	(moist)
Coffee beans	Rice
beans	Flour
White granulated	Lump sugar
sugar	lumps

One pound of tea at 2s. 4d. per lb. will make 112 cups—exactly one farthing per cup. With two lumps of sugar at 6d. per lb. (thirteen cubes for a 3d.), three teaspoonfuls of milk per cup, at 3d. a pint, the total cost, exclusive of gas for boiling the water, is just over 1d. a cup.

"URGENT WAR BUSINESS."

Premier's Message Read at Exhibition of Belgian Art.

Princess Clementine of Belgium opened at Waring and Galloway's premises, Oxford-street, yesterday an exhibition of Belgian art at the front in aid of the Belgian Soldiers' Fund.

Mr. Lloyd George sent the following telegram: "Very much regret urgent war business prevents my being with you this afternoon as I had expected. Accept my sincerest wishes for success of your efforts to help the gallant Belgian soldiers, whose bravery and courage during the war I shall for ever admire."

MILK MAY COST MORE.

"People are wrong when they imagine milk production profitable," said Mr. Cox, of Rugby at the annual meeting of the Midland Farmers' Association yesterday. The difficulties of milk production were exceptional, he added.

Mr. H. Dixon, of Bromsgrove, strongly condemned the report of Alderman Neville Chamberlain, of Birmingham, that milk could be produced at a profit in winter at 1s. 3d. per gallon. The public must be prepared to pay higher prices.

THE LAND DIVISION.

15,000 More Soldiers to Help
Farmers with Spring Crops.

COMPANIES 250 STRONG.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries makes the following announcement:—

An important arrangement has been made between the War Office and the Board of Agriculture for placing a further supply of military labour at the service of farmers for spring cultivation.

In addition to the allotment of 15,000 men now attached to Home Defence Forces, whose labour will be made available to farmers under the arrangements hitherto in force, a further body of 15,000 men will be detached and quartered in different parts of the country.

The men will be quartered at infantry depots selected by General Headquarters. Each company will have an establishment of 250 with a due proportion of warrant officers and non-commissioned officers, and will include men for clerical work to deal with applications from committees and farmers.

The wages to be paid will be the local rates as determined by the War Agricultural Committees.

Liberal allotments will be made to the more important wheat-growing counties, such as Norfolk.

HIS "RED HOT RIFLE."

Objector and "Vain Effort" to
Stifle His Conscience.

"The vicar of my parish advised me to stifle my conscience," said a conscientious objector at Dudley Tribunal yesterday.

He tried to do it, he added, by joining the Volunteer Corps, but directly he put a rifle in his hand it seemed to reach out. He would sooner die than take human life.

His application for exemption was refused.

FEWER TRAINS IN FUTURE.

Military and Naval Traffic Must
Come First.

Further reductions in railway passenger traffic will, it is stated, be imposed at an early date.

The necessity of the moment is to give priority to essential traffic, which includes an increasing volume of military and naval traffic, in order to ease the work of the railways.

A spirited protest was made by Mr. J. E. Allen at the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company's meeting yesterday against the increase in fares, which, he contended, was not justified.

He did not say there was not ground for some increase, but it was absurd to charge 3d. for a single fare from Clapham Junction to Victoria when the workmen's fare for the same journey was 2d. return.

Viscount Chilton, who presided, said the reason for the increased fares was to check the travelling for pleasure and for shopping.

INTRODUCED AS 'HIS WIFE'

Woman's Divorce Court Story of
Escape from Buenos Ayres.

With the remark that the man appeared to be an unmitigated blackguard, Mr. Justice Low, in his Divorce Court yesterday, granted a decree nisi to Mrs. Esther Silverstein because of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband, Tobias Silverstein, a horse dealer in Buenos Ayres.

A few days after the marriage, petitioner said, she and her husband went to Buenos Ayres. There he introduced her to a Madam Rosita, "his wife," and petitioner as "his friend."

Petitioner stated that her clothes were taken away and she was locked in a house. At last she got away and returned to London.

GRAVE WARNING TO FOOD HOARDERS.

Threat of Severe Penalties
and "Open Shame."

A POTATOLESS DAY.

There was only a limited amount of food in the country, and that amount might be further decreased by the activities of German submarines.

This grave warning was uttered last night by Captain Bathurst, M.P., the Assistant Food Controller, in the course of an important speech in London on the food problem.

Captain Bathurst, who sought to show how to live within prescribed rations, dealt with the question of home-grown supplies, and emphasised the necessity for avoiding expenditure on luxuries.

He warned people against all indulgence of luxury. With regard to our potato supplies, housewives who had one meatless day a week should take into consideration whether they should not also have one potatoleess day a week.

Alluding to food hoarding, the speaker said there was evidence that it was being done by some.

Such a proceeding was a crime, and if the Food Controller acted in the matter the penalties would be very severe, and would bring the delinquents open shame.

WHAT RATIONING MEANS.

Alluding to the voluntary food rationing scheme, Captain Bathurst said he did not suggest that the allowance should be vigorously applied in cases where it was obviously not quite applicable.

But it was urged by the Controller that in every case the aggregate quantity suggested should not be exceeded, and that where the quota of one or other of those commodities was over the quota of some other commodity should be proportionately reduced.

Meat did not include jam, and the sugar ration did not include jam purchased for the household.

Every individual in the family counted in reckoning the quota, including babies. The scheme did include Ireland.

Dealing with modes of economy, Captain Bathurst said parish teas and such like entertainments should be discontinued.

There was no immediate intention of stopping the dispatch of parcels to soldiers on active service.

We should all try to make it a matter of conscience and patriotism to adhere to the proposed quota of sugar and meat.

Our blockade of Germany was more telling in its effects than the so-called German blockade of this country was, or was ever likely to be, but we must prepare for all eventualities and put by for a more rainy day. (Cheers.)

It was reported last night that the Government propose to take complete control of canals and ferries throughout the United Kingdom.

It is hoped to increase the facilities afforded by canal services for food distribution.

"Agriculturists have two duties to perform. One is to grow as much as they can; the other, to yield more men than their already depleted ranks can afford. How can they reconcile the duty of growing food and that of finding the men? That is the problem."

Thus spoke Mr. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, at a meeting of Midland farmers at the Birmingham Town Hall.

U BOATS AND IMPORTS.

It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Prime Minister will on Monday make a statement on the limitation of imports and the position of agriculture with special reference to the submarine menace.

It is hardly to be expected that Mr. Lloyd George will depart from the practice hitherto followed and do anything more than indicate that the number of submarines sunk and captured since the commencement of the new campaign.

Mr. Lloyd George will speak in the latter part of the afternoon, and his speech will deal to a large extent with the character of the imports which it is proposed to restrict.

NO COMPULSORY SCHEME.

Mr. William Thorne, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked Mr. Bathurst, as representing the Food Controller, if he was aware that since the Food Controller suggested the maximum amount of bread, sugar and meat that should be allowed for each person to consume in their households there had been a bigger demand made by the moneyed classes in the West End of London, and if he intended taking any action in the matter, with a view to preventing the rich people obtaining more than the amount recommended by the Food Controller.

Mr. Bathurst said that though action of the kind described in the question may have been taken by certain individuals, he had no evidence to show that it was at all general, and he would be sorry to believe it.

As to the proposed rationing scheme on all classes of the community.

The *Corriere d'Italia*, says the Central News, states that the Pope has made proposals for the continuance of Belgian relief supplies under guarantee of the Holy See.

KAISER'S CALL TO HIS PIRATES—U.S. NEARER WAR?

German Emperor on Task that Falls to His Navy in "Impending Decisive Battle."

"ENGLAND, OUR MOST HATED ENEMY."

Raids by British and French—Guns Very Busy on Western Front—Bruges Shipping Again Bombed.

The chief features of yesterday's news were as follows:—

THE KAISER AND HIS PIRATES.—Two of the War Lord's latest verbal gems are now to hand. In one he appeals to his navy to frustrate the designs of "our most hated and obstinate enemy, England"; in the other he asserts that the U boat blockade is hitting England harder than anything up to now.

WESTERN FRONT.—Successful raids by the British and French are reported. Heavy artillery fire is taking place on many parts of the front.

U.S. AND GERMANY.—Mr. Whitlock, the American Minister in Belgium, has had to lower the American flag flying over the Legation at Brussels. Some messages suggest that this will not be made an international question between America and Germany, but one message says America is to demand an explanation. This incident and others are regarded as bringing America nearer war.

FOE RAIDED BY BRITISH TROOPS AND AIRMEN.

Advancing Germans Driven Off with Loss—Big Guns Busy.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Thursday.

8.36 P.M.—The enemy blew a mine this morning south of Bouchavesnes. No damage was done to our positions.

We carried out a successful raid last night on the Somme front, north-east of Gueudecourt, and brought back several prisoners.

In the course of the night hostile raiding parties north of Loos and west of Messines were caught by our artillery and machine-gun fire in No Man's Land and dispersed. A third party that succeeded in reaching one of our posts north-east of Ypres was driven off with loss.

Considerable artillery activity has continued during the past twenty-four hours at a number

6 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

The following sinkings were reported yesterday:—

British.—Steamers Cilicia (3,750 tons), Margarita (375 tons), King Alfred (159 tons), Ireland (152 tons), Ashwood (129 tons), Ferga.

The crew of the Ireland were ninety hours in an open boat. Two were taken to hospital suffering from frost-bite.

of points along our front, particularly north of the Somme and in the Ypres sector, where we caused another explosion in the enemy's lines.

On the night of February 13-14, and again yesterday, bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes on a number of places of military importance behind the enemy's lines.

One German machine was destroyed in air fighting and two others driven down damaged.

One of our machines was also brought down and two other of our aeroplanes are missing. —Exchange.

ADVANCED POSTS RETIRE.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.
(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Afternoon Communiqué.—Numerous engagements between reconnoitering parties have been taking place lately between Armentières and Arras.

The enemy incurred considerable losses during his frequent enterprises commenced partly with and partly without artillery preparation.

Prisoners who remained in our hands supplied us with valuable information.

Yesterday, chiefly in the evening hours, the artillery duels between Serre and the Somme were very lively, many heavy guns being employed. No infantry attacks followed.

Thanks to our effective fire only minor local advances could develop against a few of our advanced posts, which, in accordance with their instructions, retreated towards our main positions.

From the Canal (Channel) to the Vosges a clear sky favoured aerial activity. Yesterday the enemy lost seven aeroplanes.

Night Communiqué.—There has been lively artillery activity between the Ancre and the Somme.

South of Ripont, in Champagne, infantry combats developed which resulted favourably for us.

THREE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY THE FRENCH.

Our Ally Reaches German Second Line in Surprise Attack.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Night Communiqué.—In Champagne two coups de main against the German trenches one to the south of Ste. Marie a Py and the other to the west of the Butte du Mesnil, resulted in our bringing back twenty-six prisoners, including an officer.

The enemy artillery, vigorously countered by ours, furiously bombarded our positions in the sector of Maisons de Champagne during the afternoon.

On the right bank of the Meuse there was a somewhat active artillery duel in the regions of Hardaumont and Vaux.

A German attempt against one of our advanced posts of Bezonvaux broke down under our fire. In Lorraine our artillery carried out effective destruction fire on the enemy organisations of Louvigny, Comcourt and Bezaune.

Aviation.—A German aeroplane was felled yesterday near Beaumont-Meuse by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns. —Reuter.

SECOND LINE REACHED.

Afternoon Communiqué.—Between the Oise and the Aisne we yesterday carried out in the course of the day a coup de main on the enemy trenches in the Puisseille district.

Our detachments pushed forward as far as the second German line, wrecked the works and the dug-outs and inflicted considerable losses on the enemy.

In Champagne during the night there was a violent artillery contest in the La Tourbe sector and considerable patrol activity in the districts of Vailly (east of Soissons), Gaurieres Wood and to the south-west of Chauvencourt. We made some prisoners.

Yesterday morning a German aeroplane was brought down in aerial fighting.

In the course of the day yesterday and during last night our air squadrons successfully bombarded the aviation grounds at Colmar, Varennes and Maltigny, the railway station at Athies, and the bivouacs at Curchy. —Reuter.

GERMANS CLAIM 5 HOURS' RAID IN RUSSIAN LINE.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Russian.—After having bombarded for over two hours our trenches in the region of the village Kadarovitz (sixteen and a half miles south-east of Zlotchev) the enemy attacked us.

According to the latest reports the battle is still proceeding.

German.—The communiqué says that in a raid on the Kovel-Luck railway forty-one Russians were taken, and near Kiselin thirty Russians were captured.

On the Rumanian front Berlin says the harbour and establishments of military importance in Galatz were effectively bombarded. —Admiralty per Wireless Press.



Mr. Brand Whitlock.

'WILL BREAK OUR ENEMY'S WAR DESIGNS.'

German Emperor Expecting Very Big Things of His U Boats.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—According to a Berlin telegram, the Naval Ordinance Gazette, *Marineverordnungsblatt*, to-day publishes the following Imperial Order:—

"To My Navy,—In the impending decisive battle the task falls on my navy of turning the English war method of starvation with which our most hated and most obstinate enemy intends to overthrow the German people against him and his allies by combating their sea traffic with all the means in our power.

"In this work the submarine will stand in the first rank.

"I expect that this weapon, technically developed with wise foresight at our admirable yards in co-operation with all our other naval fighting weapons, and supported by the spirit which during the whole course of the war has enabled us to perform brilliant deeds, will break our enemy's war designs." —Main Headquarters, Feb. 1, 1917.—Wilhelm.

—Reuter.

'HITTING ENGLAND.'

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—Telegrams from Vienna to the Berlin newspapers give an account of a conversation which the Kaiser had with the Emperor of Austria, Dr. Hans Mueller, the "poet of royalty."

Dr. Mueller mentioned the Kaiser's letter to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in which he justified the Central Powers' peace offer. The Kaiser replied:

"The letter had to be written; the step had to be taken. Now the entire world knows who are they who impose further torture on mankind. Is it already forgotten that the Entente protects the murderers of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand?"

"On our side are right and morality, and to make triumph every clean weapon must be welcome to us."

"Now all neutrals know how they must estimate our strength, but also our will for peace. For the first time in a certain sense the declared will of small States is against the Anglo-Saxon world."

"Napoleon's Continental blockade from a phantom becomes a reality which hits England harder than anything up till now." —Reuter.

GERMAN DUGOUTS THAT BECAME TOMBS.

How the Canadians Tackled Huns in Their Hiding Places.

From a Special Correspondent.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, Wednesday.—There is no rest for the German anywhere in front of the British lines.

The raid of Tuesday morning by the Canadians was a fine achievement most gallantly executed. Every man who took part in it was a volunteer.

Midway between Souchez and Givenchy lay a very strong position, honeycombed with trenches, mine-galleries, and dug-outs.

This was the objective of the raid. When the position was reached the Canadians found that, although the strength had, as they had thought, been formidable, it was formidable no longer. Our artillery had done its work. All that remained was to go through the trenches, take as many prisoners as possible, wreck the dug-outs, and return.

The dug-outs were very deep, and the voices of Germans talking in them could be heard. Smoke bombs were thrown down first, to induce the occupants to come out.

In many cases they came, but from some of these deep pits the occupants refused to emerge; and in that case there was nothing for it but the terrible expedient of throwing bombs and rolling large charges of high explosive down the deep stairways. In all such cases the hiding-place becomes a tomb.

U.S. LEGATION FORCED TO LOWER FLAG.

Germany To Be Asked to Explain Brussels Incident.

AMERICAN ANGER.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—The State Department has received confirmation of the United Press dispatches from Berne that Mr. Whitlock has been forced to lower the American flag from the Embassy in Brussels.

The Department has also been advised that Mr. Whitlock was deprived of facilities to communicate with Washington, and that American workers of the Belgian Relief Commission are being detained.

The greatest indignation has been caused, and the situation may be described as graver than at any time since relations with Germany were broken off.

It is feared that the peaceful relations with Germany have been stretched to snapping point by the confirmation of the indignities imposed on Mr. Whitlock.

These acts bring America and Germany adversely nearer war, and it is stated that had happened heretofore, being regarded as an open affront.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—In connection with the Belgian incident it is stated that America will seek an immediate explanation.

Meanwhile it is pointed out that nothing has been heard of the fate of the Americans on board the Yarrowdale.

"NOT INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT."

It is understood that a Central News Washington message, that Mr. Lansing is not inclined to make an international incident of the Mr. Whitlock occurrence.

No decision has yet been reached as to whether Mr. Whitlock will be withdrawn, but it is probable that he will, as the request for the removal of the flag is looked upon as an indication that Germany is not willing for him to remain.

The first dispatch which the State Department has received from Constantinople for more than two weeks has just come to hand. It bears date February 7, and contains a description of the difficulties which Mr. Elkus, the American Ambassador, has been experiencing in communicating with the home Government.

"CLASH" INEVITABLE.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—The Administration has virtually abandoned any hope of averting a clash with the Central Powers. The sinking of the Lyman M. Law, while undoubtedly aggravating the situation, will probably not be regarded as an overt act.—Central News.

Mr. Lansing declines, says a Central News Washington message, to discuss the sinking of the American steamer Lyman M. Law until the full facts have been received.

MR. GERARD BULLIED.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—The State Department has been officially advised by Mr. Gerard that Germany tried to force him to have the German American Treaty of 1759 ratified under penalty of holding American journalists as hostages.—Exchange.

In a dispatch from Berne, says the Exchange, Mr. Carl W. Ackermann, of the United Press, says none of the American Consuls from Germany had yet arrived in Berne.

Probably the most serious complaint heard is that wives of American Consuls have been stripped, bathed and searched at border stations despite their right of members of official households, three specific instances being recently reported from Warnemunde. Ambassador Gerard protested vigorously to the Foreign Office.

NAVAL AIR RAID ON SHIPPING AT BRUGES.

Considerable Weight of Bombs Dropped with Successful Results.

The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement:—

"On the 14th inst. an attack was carried out by naval aeroplanes on the harbour and shipping of Bruges."

A considerable weight of bombs was dropped with most successful results.

All pilots and machines returned safely with the exception of one.

Eastern Mediterranean.—On the morning of the 12th inst., during a reconnaissance one of our aeroplanes was shot down by a Fokker. The pilot and observer were captured, and having burnt their machine.

A second Fokker was engaged and destroyed by an escorting machine at a range of fifty yards.

DRINK HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST

Says you really feel clean, sweet
and fresh inside, and
are seldom ill.

If you are accustomed to wake up with a coated tongue, foul breath or a dull, dizzy headache; or, if your meals sour and turn into gas and acids, you have a real surprise awaiting you.

To-morrow morning, immediately upon arising, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is intended to first neutralise and then wash out of your stomach, liver, kidneys and thirty feet of intestines all the indigestible waste, poisons, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal.

Those subject to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the chemist and begin enjoying this morning inside bath. It is said that many of the women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure, for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowel pores do.

The principle of bathing inside is not new, as millions of people practise it. Just as hot water and soap cleanse, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

WHY LOOK OLD?

GREY HAIR RESTORED IN 3 WEEKS.
Dandruff Cured in 7 Days.

A GUARANTEED REMEDY WITHOUT DYES.—The effect is natural; hair gradually becomes its natural shade until the true colour of youthful days is attained. The shade remains so, and keeps the same year after year. To prove its worth, a trial treatment, with a cake of medicated soap to prevent greyness, is sent privately for 3d. postage.—P. LIND, Chemist, 518, Clyde House, 489a, Oxford Street, London, W.

TEST IT FREE



A Popular Economy

Meat is so dear that many housewives are making less suffice, and serving more Bisto-gravy. It not only makes the meal as satisfying as hitherto—but it is so much more appetising. See the children's happy faces as they ask for more Bisto-gravy!

In Tins and Packets. Of all Grocers.
Made by the Proprietors of Cerberus Salt.

WAR—CONSUMPTION.

The Tubercle Bacillus is still claiming its victims, and, unfortunately, many of our men who have escaped the Hun's bullets have only done so to be claimed by this insidious germ, the Tubercle Bacillus. There is, however, a remedy to combat it, although it has not yet been officially recognised, and anyone suffering from Consumption or Tuberculosis in whatever form will be wise to write for full particulars of the Stevens' Treatment; or if full details of the case are sent a supply of the remedy itself will be dispatched, specially suitable, on the distinct understanding that nothing whatever need be paid for it unless the patient be perfectly satisfied with the benefit received, and considers the progress made warrants its continuance. Only address, Charles H. Stevens, 204 and 206, Worple-road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.—(Adv.)

A WINTER SCENE IN BERLIN.



Quite young schoolgirls are employed to clear the snow from the streets.

NEW Y.M.C.A. HOSTEL



Princess Alexander of Teck (holding flowers) opening a Y.M.C.A. hostel in Euston-road.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.



Mrs. Lloyd George (seated in centre) and other ladies who will sell flags on Welsh Flag Day.

ACTOR'S BRIDE.



Miss Violet Blythe, who has just been married to Lupino Lane.

FROM FRANCE.



Mlle. Georgette Méryald, to appear at the Aldwych this afternoon.

KNIGHT'S WIFE.



Lady Thomas, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Owen Thomas, new knight.

COUNTY OF LONDON RED CROSS FAIR



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WHAT GERMANY EXPECTS.

GERMANY expects Everyman in England not to do his duty. Germany expects our War Loan to fail.

The comments of her Press are clear in that sense. Heinrich Cunow, a celebrated economist, puts the thing thus in the *Socialist International Korrespondenz* for last Saturday; and he may serve, for the moment, to sum up all the rest:—

"The greatest financial operation in the world" which was inaugurated by the English Treasury at a great meeting in the Guildhall, appears likely, in spite of the powerful recommendation of the Lord Mayor, and the great statesmen, Lloyd George, Bonar Law and McKenna, to prove a failure, not only in London financial circles, but in English Government circles.

And he goes on with a romantic view of our coming financial downfall!—

It is for us to provide him and his readers, once more, with a disappointment. The German people's capacity for disappointment is as great as their capacity for beer in better times.

Germany expects us, meanwhile, to be reduced by her submarine blockade.

It is for us to live simply, to save food, to make certain that she shall be disappointed again.

Germany expects still, though at a cost, to win. Her rulers know that for her not to win is ruin—ruin, material, financial; ruin complete, "Kolossal."

Prince Bulow, in the latest war edition of the classical book wherein he expounds the Hun philosophy of the State, remarks:—

The outcome of the war must be a positive not a negative one. To prevent our annihilation, loss of territory or dismemberment, to ensure that we be not bled to the last farthing, that is not the point; it is a question of definite gain in the form of real security and guarantees, as an indemnity for hitherto unheard-of labours and sufferings, and also as a pledge for the future.

Germany, in her rulers, still expects, not only not defeat, but "definite gain."

Germany, in her rulers, still counts—as she must count, to stave off ruin—on an indemnity.

On what indemnity?

The German financial paper, the *Plutus*, gives us the figure—fifty milliards of marks (£2,500,000,000). The *Plutus* positively must have no less:—

The timidity with which the possibility of such an indemnity has been discussed even in the highest circles often argues of failure to realise its necessity. Without war indemnities the whole economic future of Germany will be absolutely crippled.

Germany expects us to pay her because she rushed like a wolf upon the world, in the summer of 1914.

The War Loan or their indemnity? Victory or defeat? Sir Douglas Haig or Hindenburg? France and England in the freedom of democracy, or Kultur parading Europe in the goose step?

Once again, to-day as yesterday, England expects Englishmen not to hesitate over the answer. England expects Englishmen to beat the great expectations of the Hun.

W. M.

SONG.

Take, O, take those lips away,
That so sweetly were forsworn;
And those eyes, the break of day,
Lights that do mislead the morn:
But my kisses bring again,
Bring again,
Seals of love, but sealed in vain,
Sealed in vain.
—SHAKESPEARE.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Learn what and how great benefits a moderate diet brings with it. Before all, you will enjoy good health.—Horace.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

NO MORE SUPPERS?

Sir,—It is difficult to judge whether any man is or is not eating too much by observing him at a restaurant, and, besides, anything is as pleasant one. There are, however, other things that might be done to decrease food consumption. I suggest no more suppers. The restaurants could surely afford to suffer that loss, and suppers after the theatre are bad for the digestion. M. L.

ALL THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

The Message of the Bells.

"YOU owe me five farthings, say the bells of St. Martin's." You remember the old nursery couplet? I was reminded of it yesterday as I stood within a stone's-throw of St. Martin's Church, and heard the bells ring out their joyous peal—a reminder of the debt—not of "five farthings," but of incalculable millions—which the nation owes to the Army and the Navy.

In the Crowd.

I do not think I have ever seen so many people in Trafalgar-square as at this War Loan demonstration. There was no mistaking their enthusiasm. At the corner of the Strand I noticed the Solicitor-General, Sir Gordon Hewart, patiently threading his way in and out of the serried mass of spectators.

A Dramatic Moment.

So far as the demonstration itself was concerned, I think the most impressive item of

The Beloved Duke.

I found a remarkable congregation of famous people at the requiem service for the Duke of Norfolk at the Oratory yesterday morning. There were present members of the Royal Family, dukes and duchesses, ambassadors and representatives of the Government, the Army and the Navy. He was indeed the beloved Duke.

Princess Opens an Exhibition.

I looked in at Messrs. Waring and Gillow's, Oxford-street, yesterday afternoon to see Princess Clementine of Belgium open the art exhibition in aid of the Belgian Soldiers Funds. It was a charming little ceremony, and the Princess, the personification of grace and distinction, performed it to perfection.

Soldiers' Work in the Trenches.

The exhibition, which is being held in the Georgian Hall, consists largely of paintings from the official records of the destruction of

HER FIANCE'S PEOPLE—No. 2.



The cautionary kind of relative that patronises her, and warns her to protect him, and also criticises her openly or in subtle, "cattish" ways.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

all was the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in age past." Loud and clear it rang out from thousands of throats. Only three times in my life have I heard that hymn rendered with appropriate dramatic emphasis. This was one of them.

A Fine Example.

Mr. Marshall Hall, M.P., tells me that he has sold a number of articles in his art collection, including the famous set of the thirteen "Cries of London"—a prize much coveted by collectors—to a well-known dealer, and invested the proceeds in War Loan.



Mr. Marshall Hall, M.P.

Ferdinand the Fox.

It is freely stated among the Chancelleries that the King of Bulgaria is so afraid of assassination in his own country that he has pretended to be ill, and has taken refuge in an inland spa in Hungary.

Belgium and a fine collection of articles made by the soldiers in the trenches. One of the objects on view is a wonderful little model of a quick-firing gun, made of brass.

"Carte Blanche."

Since the War Cabinet is so small, why not call it a carte-de-visite?

"Pat" Rorke.

I was very grieved to hear of the death in action of my old friend Lieutenant A. J. Rorke. A nephew of Miss Kate Rorke, the well-known actress, "Pat" Rorke—to give him the name by which he will be best remembered—was a warm-hearted, impulsive Irishman, without an enemy in the world. He was a brilliant journalist, and his loss will be sincerely mourned in Fleet-street.

A Sad Farewell.

It is only a few weeks since I saw "Pat." He was about to leave for the front, and a farewell party had been arranged in a Chelsea studio. I remember Rorke leaning against the fireplace and reciting Kipling's poem, "If," with genuine passion. It was a cheery little gathering, but only a few hours previously Rorke had said that he knew he would never come back.



The Countess of Lisburne, who is dressing a man in the new Welsh Flag Day.



Miss Annie Saker, who is appearing in the new play at the Lyceum.

Honoured by the Tsar.

I imagine there will be widespread appreciation of the generosity of the Emperor of Russia in conferring honours upon so many officers and men of the British forces who have seen service with the Russians. A friend recently in Russia tells me our men are in high favour everywhere.

An Episcopal Honour.

Among those who have been honoured by the King of Serbia I notice the name of Bishop Eyre Price. Dr. Price, who has spent the whole of his ecclesiastical life in the mission field, was the first Bishop of the Church of England in Fuh-Kien.

Thrills and Throbs.

"Seven Days' Leave," the new drama at the Lyceum, is nothing if not topical. It is full of breathless situations, and contains a German spy and a U boat. Mr. Walter Howard, the author, is at his very best. I felt, as I saw the first performance, that it was nearer to reality than anything that had been produced at the Lyceum for years.

The Players.

So, apparently, did the audience, who gave both play and players a royal reception. Miss Annie Saker scored a distinct triumph as the dauntless heroine, and Mr. Leslie Carter, Miss Gladys Mason and Mr. Alfred Paurier all contributed to the success of a piece which has evidently hit the popular taste.

Distinguished Invalids.

I regret to learn that Lord-Devonport may be confined to his room for some time owing to the severity of his attack of influenza. Mr. Asquith and Lord Morley also are laid up.

How It Strikes People.

"Unfortunately, some Courts regard the carrying of matches as a light offence," said a magistrate when some shell makers appeared before him. Especially if the men struck them!

Wasted Energy.

In looking over the exhibition of the Society of Women Artists in Suffolk-street, I could not help being struck by the purposeless waste of energy which has led to the production of so much unrelieved dullness in paint. What genuine art there is is not to be found among the pictures, but among the delicious and surprisingly inexpensive toys and among the works of handicraft.

A 2,000-Hour Task.

The gentle art of embroidery does not, as a rule, appeal to the taste of men, but one has to be blind not to appreciate the beauty of Miss Leveson-Gower's needlework translation of a Botticelli Madonna. I understand the work occupied some 2,000 hours.

The Patient Artist.

There is a little tragedy connected with a wonderful sampler Miss Leveson-Gower is showing at the same exhibition. She had taken it to be framed the day before the Coronation, when it mysteriously disappeared. So she had to work it all over again, which took her about a year to accomplish.

A Spirited Speech.

Mr. Joynson-Hicks' spirited speech in the House of Commons on the internment of aliens was one of the best I have heard him make. The member for Brentford has made a special study of the subject, and on this, as on other matters connected with the war, has done much to "ginger-up" officials.

A Busy Man.

Few men throw themselves more enthusiastically into everything they undertake than Mr. Joynson-Hicks. How wide-embracing his activities are may be gathered from the fact that he is an energetic politician, an enthusiastic temperance reformer, and a prominent Church layman.



Mr. Joynson Hicks, M.P.

THE RAMBLER.

FEEDING THE GREAT BRITISH ARMY.



Loading a truck with flour. German bread is now made largely of potatoes.—(Official photograph.)



Filling sacks with onions in a storehouse ready for dispatch by train.—(Official photograph.)



Putting sacks of flour on the elevator.—(Official.)

Tirpitz and all his U boats cannot stop the ceaseless arrival of supplies for the British Army in France.

THE KING INSPECTS



The ceremony has just taken place "somewhere in England."



Unloading meat from a cargo steamer.—(Official photograph.)

GIRL TOWN CRIER ANNOUNCES A COUNTRY FAIR



The girl town crier.



Wounded men have a dip in the lucky well.

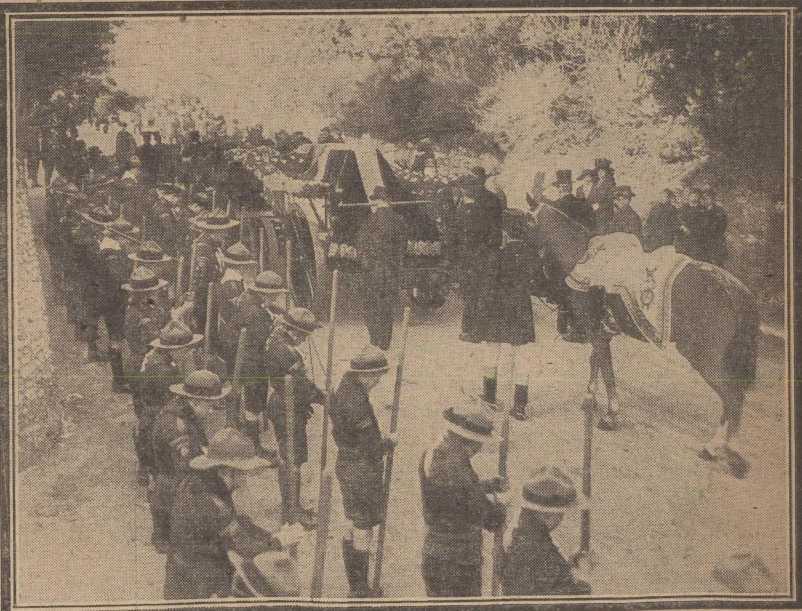
Old English dresses were worn at the country fair held at Richmond. The funds will be devoted to the local Women's War Workers' Depot, which supplies bandages and surgical dressings for base hospitals.

AUSTRALIAN FORCES.



er of men were on parade and presented a splendid appearance.

FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.



The Earl Marshal's charger with top boots reversed in the stirrups was led behind the coffin.



The little Earl of Arundel with Lord Edmund Talbot



Servants from the castle carrying the Duke's coronet and Order. He was the premier peer.

WOUNDED MEN UNDERGO NEW TREATMENT AT BATH.



Nurses giving the famous waters to the patients.



Entering the bath.



Carrying the coffin into the church.

Chairs worked by electricity are used to lower helpless soldiers into the baths at Bath, where a number of men are undergoing a new form of treatment invented by Dr. Zander, a Swede.

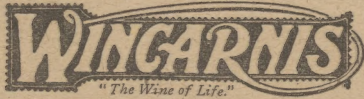
Arundel was in mourning yesterday for the Duke of Norfolk, all business being suspended during the funeral. Lord Sandhurst represented the King, while among the many mourners was the Earl of Arundel, the late peer's little son. —(Daily Mirror photographs.)



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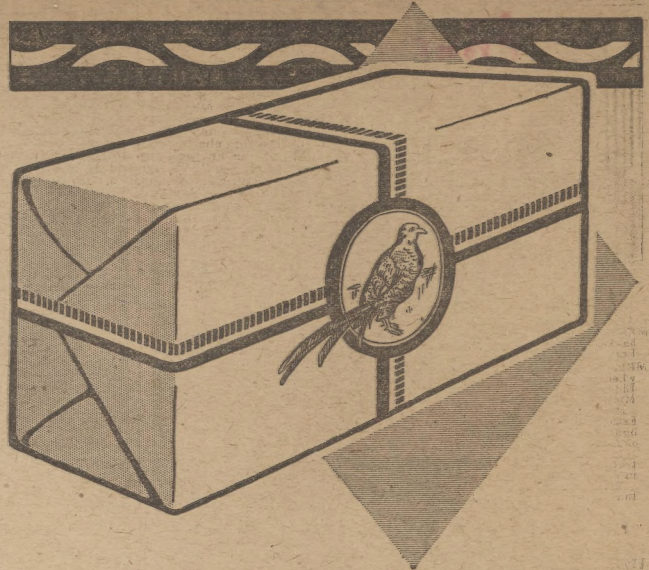
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THE PHANTOM LOVER.



Esther Shepstone.

By RUBY M. AYRES.

HOW THE STORY BEGINS.

MICKY MELLOWES, a rich bachelor, who has shed all the good things of life, is able to help **ESTHER SHEPSTONE**, a beautiful girl, who is earning her own living. Esther has given up her employment because she is going to be married to **RAYMOND ASHTON**, a good-for-nothing fellow who is going to throw the girl over.

JUNE MASON, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend. **MARIE DELAND**, of whom Micky was fond before he knew Esther, meets him on his return from Paris.

MRS. ASHTON, Raymond's mother, asks Micky whether he knows anything about the girl at Eldred's to whom her son had been engaged. Micky denies all knowledge of her.

Micky confesses to June Mason that he loves Esther. The fur coat arrives, and Esther is delighted. Driver tells Micky that the announcement of Ashton's marriage has appeared in the papers. In order to save Esther the pain of learning the truth, Micky arranges that June shall take her into the country.

Esther is glad of the change, and quite pleased that Micky is coming down to see them.

"THE MAN TO TAKE CARE OF A WOMAN."

WHEN the train drew into the little station at Enmore June looked at Esther with a sort of apprehension.

"It's a most awful one-eyed hole, you know," she said deprecatingly. "I do hope you won't be bored to death. It won't be so bad if Micky keeps his promise and comes down, but if he doesn't, . . ."

"Don't you think he will?" Esther asked quickly; there was an unconscious note of disappointment in her voice, and June lowered her eyes quickly to hide the faint smile of amusement that flashed into them.

"Oh, I dare say he will," she said airily. "I hope he will, I'm sure; somebody has got to amuse you while I go and see to my business."

"I can amuse myself," June sniffed. "Can you? Well, it's more than I ever could when I used to stay down here. There's only a church and a village inn place, and a handful of cottages. My aunt has by far the most distinguished-looking house in the village, and I dare say you won't think much of that."

They were on the platform now, and June eyed their two suit cases ruefully. "We shall have to carry them," she said. "No porters or taxicabs here, my dear. Come along."

It was only a little way into the village; as soon as they came to the end of it June pointed excitedly to a red gabled house just visible through the trees.

"That's where my aunt lives. She's an old maid, you know, and incidentally she thinks I'm a most heaven-born genius. She's nearly sixty, but I'll bet anything you like she uses June Mason's Skin Beautifier. Come on, I'm getting quite excited."

She pushed open the iron gate of the little garden, but before there was time to ring the bell the door opened and a little lady with grey hair and a wonderful complexion very much like June's stood there with outstretched hands.

"My dears! I never was so delighted! June—after all these months you really have come to see me again."

She kissed June heartily and turned to Esther.

June introduced them. "My friend, Esther Shepstone—my aunt, Miss Dearing. I don't know what you think of us for arriving on top of our wire like this," she said, laughing. "But I like to do things in a hurry—so here we are, and we're starving."

They followed Miss Dearing into a quaint little square room, where the table was laid for lunch. June talked away all the time.

"There's another member of the party coming down to-morrow," she said. "No; a man this time—Micky Mellowes! You remember him? Yes; I thought you would." She flushed a little self-consciously. "He's going to bring his car down and take us all out for rides; so we're in for a good time."

"I remember Mr. Mellowes quite well," Miss Dearing said. When she was alone with Esther for a moment she whispered to her:

"We all hoped June meant to marry him, you know, my dear. Perhaps she has changed her mind, as she is allowing him to come down. Such a very charming man—have you seen him?—and so rich."

"Yes, I've seen him," Esther said. "He is nice—very!"

"It would be the dream of my life fulfilled if I could see June married to him," the old lady went on. "June wants a firm hand. She is wonderfully high-spirited and clever, you know, but I always feel that she would be so much happier with someone to look after her, and he is just the man to take care of a woman and make her happy."

"Yes," said Esther.

She felt Miss Dearing glance at her hands. "Are you—are you engaged to be married?" she asked, after a moment. "Pardon me, my dear, but I am always so interested in young people's love affairs. . . ."

Esther coloured. "Yes, I am engaged," she said. "But he is away just now—abroad. I hope we shall be married as soon as he comes home again."

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

Miss Dearing said that she hoped so, too; later, when she got a moment alone with June she asked interestedly about the man to whom Esther was engaged.

"I do hope he is nice," she said, anxiously. "Such a very charming girl! such a sweet-looking girl. Is he nice, my dear?"

June crossed the room and shut the door; then she turned round with a little grimace.

"He's a pig!" she said.

Miss Dearing screamed. "Oh, my dear!"

"He is," June maintained, stoutly. "She doesn't think so, of course, but he is, all the same." She broke off as Esther came back into the room.

AN EXCURSION THROUGH FAIRY-LAND.

ESTHER woke in the morning with a pleasant sense of something going to happen. She lay still for a moment looking round her at the heavy, old-fashioned furniture and flowered chintz curtains.

Miss Dearing's house was essentially Early Victorian, from its wool mats and stuffed birds in the sitting room downstairs to the high four-poster bedsteads and faded Brussels carpets.

But there was something very old-world and charming about it, too, in spite of rather ugly furniture, and Esther was just admiring the dressing table, with its petticoat of spotted muslin and pink ribbons, when the door opened and June thrust her head round.

"Can I come in?" She did not wait for an answer, but came in, her long mauve silk kimono making a little rustling sound as she walked.

"I'm really dressed," she explained, sitting down on Esther's bed. "All but my frock, at least, and as the post has just come, and a letter from Micky, I thought I'd come and tell you that he'll be down to-day—after lunch, and he wants us to meet him. I can't go, as I've got a business appointment at three, so you must. He's going to drive up to the station and wait there for one of us to come and show him where we live."

There was a little silence. Esther flushed beneath the elder girl's shrewd gaze.

"I should have thought he could have found out where we live," she said, rather awkwardly.

"And it's such a little way—"

June rose with a great show of dignity.

"Oh, very well, if you don't want to be obliging, but I do think you might. . . ."

"Silly—of course I will," Esther caught her hand and drew her back again. "I'll go; the station at three o'clock, and then what am I to do? Bring him here, or what?"

"Do what you like, my child—I shan't be in till five. Don't let him be bored, that's all, or he'll go back to town—the one thing Micky can't stand is being bored."

Esther made a little grimace.

"I can't promise that, but I'll do my best," she said.

She felt absurdly nervous when at five minutes to three exactly she walked down the winding road to the station.

Micky was very punctual, and Esther greeted him with a torrent of explanation.

"June couldn't come, so she made me—she had to go out on business. She would make me come!"

"It's very kind of you," Micky said, but his face had fallen a bit at her explanation. "I'm later than I expected—the roads are bad down in this part of the world. Well, and how do you like Enmore?"

"It's very quiet, but I like it for a change, and June's aunt is ever so kind."

"Yes, a dear old lady; I know her well. Did you tell her I was coming?"

June did. . . .

His eyes swept her face anxiously. No trace of tears or sadness to-day, at all events. She looked happier and brighter than he had ever seen her before.

"Are we supposed to go straight home?" he asked after a moment. "Because, if not, what do you say to a run round first?"

Esther's eyes sparkled.

"I should love it!" She got in beside him, and the car started away again.

"I only brought the two-seater," Micky explained, audaciously. "I hate a crowd—this will take three at a pinch, but it's much more comfortable for two."

"It's lovely!" Esther agreed.

She leaned back luxuriously.

"It must be splendid to be able to have a car like this of your very own," she said, suddenly.

She had been wondering how many years of the salary she had been paid at Eldred's would have to be saved before she could possess one half as good.

Micky laughed rather ruefully.

"There are other things I would far rather have," he said.

"Are there?" She looked up at him innocently. "What things?" she asked.

Micky's hands tightened over the wheel.

"Am I really to answer that question?" he asked.

"No," said Esther, hurriedly.

Her heart was beating fast now. She could not think why she had been so stupid as to say such a thing. She felt very vexed with herself.

They went some way in silence. Esther glanced at the man beside her timidly.

Miss Dearing had said of him that he was a man who would be able to look after a woman and care for her. That was true enough, she realised, and with sudden inconsequence she thought of the first time she had ever met him, of his kindness to her, of his tactfulness; it made her shiver to realise what she might have done if fate had not sent him across her path-way that night.

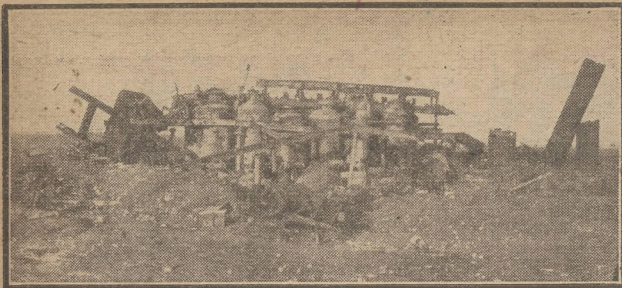
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THE WAR LOAN CLOSES TO-NIGHT.



What was once a factory on the Somme front.

NATION'S BIG BILL FOR WAR BUILDINGS.

Lord Brodrick Criticises Increase of Employees.

An important statement was made in the House of Lords last night on the multiplication of Government offices and officials, and the number of buildings taken over for war purposes.

Lord Brodrick, who called for a full return in both cases, asked that all such future expenditure should be subjected to some Treasury control on recognised lines and that whatever staff was engaged should be temporary only.

Members of the Government who now held office in the House of Commons had risen to fifty-five.

No less than eight hotels and two enormous clubs had been taken over, and in London alone, apart from town halls, fifty other buildings had been taken up during the last few months.

Wooden buildings had been erected all over the metropolis, £400,000 had been expended on offices, and the rental of offices last year was over £50,000, a figure which had enormously increased this year.

THE NEEDS OF WAR.

The buildings in St. James's Park cost over £50,000, and £60,000 had been expended on those in Regent's Park.

Lord Curzon, replying, said the creation of the new departments was an inevitable feature of the adaptation of State machinery, designed only for the purpose and requirements of peace, to the needs of war, the immensity and intensity of which was increasing every week and almost every day.

The Ministry of Munitions, for example, had grown into the greatest organisation in the country next to the Army.

At the beginning of the war the sum we spent on the munitions of the Army was something like a million.

The sum that was being spent on munitions in the present financial year was 500,000,000 sterling.

NATIONAL SERVICE NEEDS

Mr. Henderson's Straight Talk to Critics of Scheme.

The National Service scheme, about which, he said, a great deal of uncertainty existed, was raised in the House of Commons last night by Mr. Anderson. If the scheme failed the country was promised a large measure of industrial compulsion.

Mr. Henderson, after denying that industrial compulsion was involved, said that as for breaking pledges that there should be no industrial compulsion, when the needs of the nation, in his view, necessitated his doing so, he was prepared to take every means at his disposal to secure his release.

Were Ministers always to be bound by pledges made in circumstances entirely different, and must they totally ignore new factors in a time of great national crisis?

If he made pledges to the representatives of the great labour movement, he would go to them and ask for release.

GERMANY'S LAST COLONY.

CARLTOWN, Monday (received yesterday).—General Smuts was accorded a civic reception at the City Hall to-day on his return from East Africa.

General Smuts, in the course of an important reference to the future, emphasised the fact that South Africa had secured a voice in the disposal of the African continent.

South Africa, as the only white community in Africa, was more deeply interested in the fate of that continent than most other countries. Whatever happened in German East Africa, they in South Africa knew they would have to be heard.—Reuter.

TWO LIVES LOST IN MUNITIONS FIRE.

The Minister of Munitions regrets to announce that a small fire took place on Wednesday at a factory in Hertfordshire.

Although little damage was done, two workmen, unfortunately, lost their lives.

LAND FOR FIGHTERS.

Scheme to Colonise Rural Britain for Discharged Service Men.

A wide measure of rural regeneration in Great Britain is essential to the future of the nation.

That is the opinion expressed by the Parliamentary Land Settlement (Scotland) Committee, which was appointed "to formulate proposals for a wide and comprehensive system of land colonisation, having regard to the new conditions created by the war."

Although the report applies solely to Scotland, its general recommendations are of interest as a contribution to the problem of the settlement on the land of discharged soldiers and sailors.

The Committee advocate the development of small-holding colonies, and, where housing is not available, the erection of temporary buildings from material which will no longer be required for military hutting.

Emigration After the War.—Among the members of a Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to consider measures for settling within the Empire ex-soldiers who may desire to emigrate after the war are Lord Burnham, Mr. A. Fisher (the High Commissioner for Australia) and Sir H. Rider Haggard.

NEWS ITEMS.

40,000 Cancer Victims a Year.

Over 40,000 people in England and Wales die each year from cancer, the death-roll of that disease being greater than that of consumption.

H.A.C. Colonel Killed.

The name of Lieutenant-Colonel E. C. P. Boyle, D.S.O., Honourable Artillery Company, appears amongst the killed in to-day's casualty list.

Kaiser as Peace Candidate.

Recently invited to recommend a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, the University of Stamboul has nominated the Kaiser, says a Geneva message.

Brewery's £96,000 Profit.

A profit of £96,000 was reported at the Holt Brewery Company's meeting at Birmingham yesterday, and an Ordinary dividend of 7½ per cent. was declared.

Mrs. Wheelodon's Son Captured.

The soldier Wheelodon, son of Alice Wheelodon, who is concerned in the alleged plot to poison the Premier, was captured on Salisbury Plain yesterday by the military police.

Prisoners Not on War Rations.

Asked last night whether German prisoners are on the same rations as the people in this country, Captain Bathurst replied: "They are not, but the sooner they are the better."

Inquiry Into "Field" Raid.

A Court of Inquiry, consisting of Mr. Justice Shearman and Professor Jackson Pope, will investigate the raid on the editor's room in the *Field* and the nature of the explosive mentioned.

1,195 Government Cars.

There are only 731 motor-cars at the disposal of the War Office in the whole of the kingdom, said Lord Derby yesterday, 145 at the disposal of the Ministry of Munitions, and 319 for the Royal Flying Corps.

Labour's Demand.

It has been decided to hold a national conference representing the whole organised Labour and Socialist movement, including women's industrial organisations, on March 20, to demand immediate legislation on the general lines of the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Reform, including the enfranchisement of women.

"UNNECESSARY" DEPARTMENTS.

Several M.P.s criticised the Government's action in commandeering wool and appointing what were condemned "unnecessary" departments to deal with the supply of raw material. The price at which the wool was bought and sold was also criticised.

Sir F. Banbury said there was a feeling of distrust in the country over the creation of new departments and more officials. The Food Controller had said pheasants were not to be fed with grain. Was it necessary to take a dual mansion and several houses to do that?

Mr. Forster said the steps taken, although drastic, were necessary.



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DUKE'S BOY HEIR.

Pathetic Figure of Little Son at Father's Funeral.

Arundel was in mourning yesterday for the funeral of the late Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk.

The coffin was borne from the castle to the church of St. Philip Neri, where a requiem mass was celebrated.

Behind the coffin, with his uncle, Lord Edmund Talbot, M.P., came the little Earl of Arundel, who succeeds to his great heritage some four years earlier in life than did his father before him—just a pale, frail wisp of a lad, with soft brown hair and eyes, wearing a black felt hat with a black overcoat. He will not be nine till May.

In front of him walked Lord Sandhurst, the Lord Chamberlain, representing the King, with Garter-King-at-Arms and two heralds.

The last scene of all in the Fitz-Alan Chapel, where the Earls of Arundel and all the later Dukes of Norfolk are buried, impressed every one deeply.

The Benediction having been given the widow stepped forward and sprinkled the coffin with holy water. Then the little Duke grasped the hyssop in his tiny hand and took farewell of his father.

TELL-TALE INCOME TAX.

Judge Wants Evidence of Payment Before Hearing Wages Claims.

In making a claim for wages at Whitechapel County Court yesterday, a furniture repairer told Judge Cluer that on one day he earned £2 and in three or four days £3.

Judge Cluer: If you say too much I shall require to see your income-tax form. If you earn only £5 a week you are supposed to pay income-tax.

"I hope a regulation will be made by the Commissioners of Income-tax that no cases of claims for wages will be heard in court unless claimants produce evidence of having paid proper income-tax. It would act as a safeguard."

1,998 LONDON POLICEMEN IN WAR.

The Home Secretary, in Parliamentary papers, states that the total number of single men from the Metropolitan Police engaged on naval and military duties is 1,998. Of these 783 are serving with the Colours and 1,215 are employed on special duty at naval and military establishments.

THE PHANTOM LOVER.

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reality only weeks measured the distance between that day and this.

Would he end up by some day marrying June? she wondered. Lucky June, if he did—lucky . . . she checked the thought with a little sense of shame. Only a few days ago she had declared that she disliked him; perhaps it was the car that made her feel so suddenly envious of the woman who would one day be this man's wife.

She shivered a little.

Micky glanced down at her quickly.

"Are you cold?" he asked.

"I am a little," she smiled up at him—"in spite of my new coat," she said. "I think we had better go home."

"Very well," he agreed so readily; she thought he need not have agreed quite so readily.

June came to the door to meet them.

"I got home earlier than I thought," she told Esther. "Well, Micky!" She gripped his hand in both hers. Esther wondered if Micky were going to kiss her, but he did not, only squeezed her hand hard.

"Are there any letters?" Esther asked; she felt a swift feeling of envy as she looked at these two, so openly and unfeignedly glad to see one another. "I suppose it's expecting too much though," she added with a sigh.

June did not answer, and Esther went on and up the stairs.

"There is one for her," June said in an undertone to Micky as soon as she had gone. "And one from Paris, too—from that man! Micky, are you sure I am not a mistake about him being married?"

"Sure," said Micky stolidly.

"Then shall I—what shall I do about that letter—it was sent on from London. Ought I to let her have it?"

Micky was taking off his coat, his back was turned.

"Oh, let her have it," he said casually. "It may be the last she'll ever get."

He turned swiftly. "Let me look at it."

June took it from her dress and handed it to him.

He glanced at the writing and gave it back to her.

"Oh, yes, I should let her have it," he said awkwardly.

But June still hesitated.

"Micky—supposing I . . . to tell her about—you know . . . about his marriage?"

There was a moment's silence.

"Oh, it would hardly be that," Micky said positively.

"At least—well, if it is, we must chance it. But his wife did not sound as if he were at all anxious."

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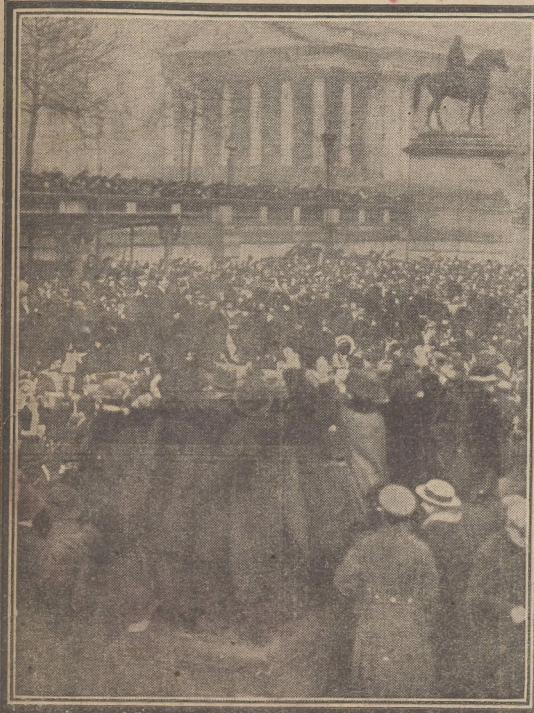


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Choristers from the Abbey, St. Paul's, the Chapels Royal and other choirs.

a number of speakers beside the Lord Mayor, among them being Sir G. Welby and Mr. Massey, the New Zealand Premier. We could not lose, said the Lord Mayor, but we wanted to win quickly and save much misery, suffering and destruction by doing so.